Lie Detector Experts See Rosy Future

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A new and professional era is unfolding in the field of polygraph examinations, it was the consensus of more than 100 lie detector operators who participated in the 11th annual convention here of the American Academy of Polygraph Examiners.

Enthusiasm Cited

C. B. Hanscom, director of the Minnesota State Crime laboratory, said the enthusiasm shown is a clear indication that the lie detector field is moving forward and will continue to move at a fast pace.

John E. Reid, a director of the academy and owner of John E. Reid Associates, 600 S. Michigan av., said he was optimistic of a bright future for the polygraph field, despite the threat of anti-polygraph laws in many states.

Discuss Union Campaign

Attempts by the teamsters and other unions to outlaw the lie tests by employers was one of the main topics of discussion at the meeting. Five states have passed laws denying employers the right to use the lie detector in honesty examinations.

J. Kirk Barefoot, security chief for McKesson and Robbins, Inc., a drug company, is leading the academy's efforts to fight the union's actions. He said the convention showed a "real unity" about the problem.

Plan to Fight Bills

Barefoot said the academy's plan is to fight any new antipolygraph laws introduced in state legislatures. Legal action also is underway to have present laws declared unconstitutional. States will be encouraged to license polygraph operators.

A public relations campaign is on the academy's agenda. Barefoot said the campaign will attempt to dispel many untruths shout his tests.